

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 12, 1996

SUBJECT: **HB 2392 - SB 2553**

This bill, if enacted, will provide that members of the Tennessee National Guard are eligible to enroll in one course per term at any state supported college or university or technology center without paying tuition fees.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures of approximately \$302,400 to offset lost tuition revenues to the schools of approximately \$302,400. This estimate is based on the following assumptions:

1. There are approximately 18,000 current members of the National Guard.
2. Due to the passage of the bill it is estimated that approximately 4% or 720 will attend institutions of higher education.
3. Each guard participant will take an average of one course per semester per year, including summer, or the equivalent of six semester hours per year. The average maintenance fee is \$70 per hour or \$420 per year.

Approx. # of Guards Impacted	18,000
Participation rate	<u>x 4%</u>
Est. Upper Level Participation	720
Est. Maintenance Fee	<u>\$420 per year</u>
Est. Inc. in State Expend.	<u>\$302,400</u>

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director